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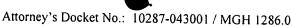
## REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

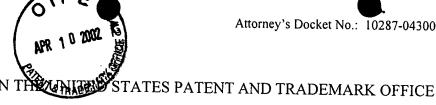
Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

| Application Number     | 09/259,389                |  |  |  |
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| Filing Date            | February 26, 1999         |  |  |  |
| First Named Inventor   | Katia Georgopoulos et al. |  |  |  |
| Group Art Unit         | 1632                      |  |  |  |
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| This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.  NOTE: 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term |   |                                      |   |                             |   |              |  |  |  |
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